

LOADS OF WIFE FOR THE MIRTH HOUSE

Insurance Inquiry Not Interfering with Mutual's Albany Plans.

MULLANEY A BUSY MAN

At Fields's Helper, Contemptuous of Exposure, Goes On with Elaborate Preparations.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Oct. 27.—The Mutual Life Insurance directors may investigate the McCurdy cabal, and Charles Hughes may continue his grilling of insurance officials, but if any one thinks that Al Fields and Willie Mullane are going to close up their retreat for hungry and thirsty legislators here is a much mistaken.

Far from closing up the Mutual's "House of Mirth" Messrs. Fields and Mullane are already making elaborate arrangements for the next session of the Legislature. Candidates for the Assembly in New York are strongly advised to pursue their canvasses with extra vigor if they like soft things, for the indications are that the legislature is going to be better than ever.

There are no exterior signs of activity about the Madison avenue house, no more than there has been since the stories of the retreat for the people's representatives were first revealed. Mr. Mullane is still wearing that expression of disgust that settled over his classic features when he first read in the newspapers an account of his hospitality to the hungry lawmakers. It ought to be stated right here that Mr. Mullane regards the insurance investigation, so far as it applies to the establishment which he takes care of for Mr. Fields, as a distinct case of butting-in, a characteristic which he has no patience with.

Meantime, however, Mr. Mullane is not allowing the agitation in New York to interfere with the performance of those duties for which he draws a salary. Here are a few facts which may tend to show how much the Mutual intends allowing the recent exposures to interfere with its usual duties of a legislative session.

On Wednesday a well-known truckman of this city was summoned to the Madison avenue house. Mr. Mullane greeted him on the door step, whispered something in his ear, gave him a slip of paper and waved him on his way. The truckman, who is the New York Central depot, presented the slip of paper and was led to a spot where ten brass beds, stacked in sections, were awaiting him. The truckman placed the ten brass beds on the truck and took them to the "House of Mirth," where they were quickly carried to the next session.

Now there were already a number of beds for transients in the house, as everybody in Albany knows, and only possible inference is that Messrs. Fields and Mullane intend to widen the scope of their hospitality during the next session.

Four Loads of Liquors.
Item No. 2: Four times in one afternoon recently the wagon of a well-known State street liquor dealer backed up before the "House of Mirth," and each time a load was carried in. There were cases of green label, blue label, white label, in fact, every color of the spectrum, and some not there, such as represented in labels glued to vicious looking bottles with wired corks.

There were long neck bottles, which the initiated say contain white wine; squat bottles that looked like the homes of Burgundy and Bordeaux; fat-bellied bottles with straw coats, which the wise ones say contain the grape of Italy; and other bottles with the dust of ages on them, which look strongly like what you get when you order the wine of a chateau. Then there were bottles of the score, familiar to the habitués of the bar-room; jug insurmountable, filled to overflowing with liquid joy, in fact everything from the processional of a jag to the interlude and down to the transcendental.

"No arm is tired with the hauling of this stuff," said one of the drivers to whom the delicate duty of consigning the four cargoes to the Mutual's cellar was entrusted.

More Dainties Stored Away.
An effort to find just how much of the liquor dealers' stock was transferred to the cellars of the "House of Mirth" failed. The liquor dealer is a diplomat, but an observer who has watched the work of the Mutual commissary for years said to-day that he had never seen so much carried in so early.

Item No. 3: It took a furniture van the day following the liquor transfer to move all the groceries that some one had ordered for the "House of Mirth." Everything that "grows out west in cans" or in tin snail in bottles is now in the Mutual cellars. Nothing like the delicate palate of the legislator craves, from astrakhan oyster and water-de-toile grass down to prunes will be missing from the stewards' list.

You can't get Mr. Mullane to admit that there is anything doing, in fact it is not entirely safe to ask him, for he is a pugilistic person with no patience for men who have not been seen to Albany by the common people to make their laws and safeguard their interests.

But the evidence is very strong that the crowd is being put in condition for the game, as they say in baseball.

THE DEVIL ARRESTED NEAR MORGAN'S OFFICE

Man in Red, with Tail and Horns, Got a Jag and Started to Wipe Out Wall Street.

The devil was arrested in Wall street to-day for attracting a crowd of several thousand in the neighborhood of J. P. Morgan's office. The devil was all that he has ever been painted. He wore a flame colored union suit, had a long tail, a cloven hoof and horns. He had, moreover, what the devil is not supposed to be susceptible to—a jag.

"I am fresh from Hell," he kept shouting as he whirled along the street, followed by curious clerks and brokers. "I am going to consume all these money kings who are trying to monopolize the earth. I am—"

BRAVED NEW PERIL IN ESCAPING FIRE

Four Roofers Cut Off by Blaze Slid Down on a Clothes Line.

CAUSE OF FIRE A MYSTERY.

With every avenue of escape cut off by fire and smoke and a slim, thread-like clothesline the only thing that held out hope of safety for them, four roofers on a new six-story apartment-house at Broadway and One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, today made a perilous descent to the street. As the last man reached the ground a flash of flame curled the rope to ashes.

The fire completely gutted the new building, racing from floor to floor on the heels of half a hundred workmen, many of whom had difficulty in escaping as all owing to the fact that the stairways had not been built in, and the only means of descent were ladders on the outside of the building. Had the fire started a few minutes earlier before the whistle blew for lunch many would have been killed, according to Deputy Fire Chief Blinn.

The fire started in some unknown manner, presumably from a plumber's furnace on the second floor. It was discovered by Foreman Hahn, who quickly saved the alarm, and the workmen in the building made a wild scamper for the ladders. The fire swept through the second floor and up the stairway with extraordinary rapidity.

The four roofers were forgotten in the excitement. They were sitting over their dinner pails, unmindful of the danger below them, when the smoke began curling over the cornice. Hurrying to the ladder they found the flames eating away the rungs and an immense volume of smoke they did not dare attempt to penetrate.

Heavily improvising a fire-escape out of a slim piece of rope they hung it over the rear end of the building. As the first man descended the three others peered anxiously over the corner expecting to see the line snap and the men dashed to death. One after the other they descended to safety. They did not return to the building, and the firemen did not obtain their names.

Second Alarm Sent In.
Chief Blinn found the upper portion of the building a mass of flames and sent in a second alarm. Huge volumes of smoke rising high over Washington Heights, showers of sparks and great flashes of white flame gave the fire a spectacular effect which could be witnessed from every section of the upper portion of the city and drew an immense crowd.

There was a mild panic in the Abington Arms, a fine apartment-house across the street, and the officials of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society near by were on the alert, but the firemen kept the fire confined to the one building.

Fireman Edward Smith, of Engine Company No. 4, was knocked down and out by a section of the fireproofing, and went to the J. Hood Wright Hospital.

The owner and builder of the building, Herman Fisher, of No. 2 East 119th street, estimates his loss at \$20,000.

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Phenomenal Selling

Of Stunning Suits and Overcoats at Prices Which Will Upset all Traditions of the Clothing Trade.

WE begin the most extraordinary selling of reputable clothing that was ever known to this or any other city. The buying public will be presented with the greatest collection of cleverly tailored suits and overcoats for men's use that was ever gathered together under one roof. Garments that are absolutely faultless in style, make, fit and finish will be placed at your disposal at prices that make it impossible for any other concern to duplicate.

Choice of Many Heavy-Weight Suits and Overcoats.
This Season's Most Favored Materials and Patterns. Cheviots, thibets, worsteds and cassimeres, single or double breasted style. OVERCOATS in meltons, kerseys and friezes, all the new shades and colors. Every garment in this gathering well worth \$15. Here for \$10.

Handsome Variety of Winter Suits and Overcoats.
The most remarkable collection of suits and overcoats at this price ever seen in New York. Twenty-five distinct styles and models. French worsteds, unfinished worsteds and English cheviots, in patterns entirely new. OVERCOATS of Irish frieze, English meltons and imported kerseys. Tailored with style and skill. Truly \$18 garments for \$12.50.

Stunning Selection of Suits—Paddocks, Overcoats and Cravenette Raincoats.
An unmatched gathering of perfectly tailored fashionable garments possessing character and elegance in a marked degree. Every new shade, pattern and color that the season calls for can be found in this marvellous assortment of suits, paddocks, overcoats and raincoats. \$20 and \$22 would only be a fair price for these garments, here at \$15.

CONTEMPORARY CLOTHING PURCHASERS SHOULD ATTEND THIS PHENOMENAL SELLING AT BOTH STORES NOW IN PROGRESS.

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Instead of \$1.00 for Un- Instead of \$1.00 for Instead of \$2.00 for Instead of \$1.00 for Instead of \$1.00 for
lined and merino. and wide skirts; fully new designs in silk material; all shapes.

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THE BATES SHOE

THIS BRAND IS FOR YOU.

THE BATES SHOE "brand" stands for mastery in construction, individuality of style and economy for you. Taken all in all, it means "character" in shoe value that can't be approached unless you pay \$5 or more.

THE BATES SHOE costs \$3. They are shaped and modelled by artisan workmen. You'll agree with us that our styles are an exact duplicate of high-priced models.

Our shoemakers are on a par with our modellers, all are of the highest class, and with this organization we have brought our method of manufacture to such a high standard that you are protected by the "brand" on the sole.

The "brand" is for you, depend on it. It means the exact shoes you want, the assortment of styles and leathers—yes, shoes with the same fineness and finish of \$5 quality and at a nominal price, \$3.

Ask your dealer for THE BATES SHOE. If he hasn't got them, tell him to get you a pair. He can do it in 30 minutes. Don't take any other. Remember, the "brand" on the sole is for you. Look for it.

101 Agents. One Near You.

A. J. BATES & CO., New York.

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We Allow No House to Undersell Us or Make Easier Terms.

PIANOS \$185

Stool, Scarf and One Year's Tuning Free. No interest or Extra Charges of Any Kind.

\$5.00 Cash. \$1.00 a Week.

THE REASON WHY? We sell our pianos 20 per cent less than other houses so as to introduce to those starting housekeeping our immense stock of furniture, carpets and rugs—in fact, everything for the household. Send for Piano or Furniture Catalogue.

Important Sales For Saturday.

Great Overcoat Offer.
Men's Winter Overcoats, Always \$28 to \$40, carried from last season.

\$22.50

EASILY the Head-liner in advertised things for men in New York this week is Today's announcement of Men's Heavy Overcoats for Saturday: \$28.00 and \$40.00 Overcoats, \$22.50. The collection comprises exactly 765 Overcoats in Black Kersey, Fur Beaver, English Overcoatings in Tourist Shape with Belt, Black and Oxford Mixtures; to fit all shapes, in many instances without an alteration. It is "great going" and of live interest to fashionable fellows.

Suits for Young Men.
Fancy Mixtures, Blue or Black Cheviots, Single or Double Breasted Styles; regularly \$15 and \$18. Special for Saturday..... **\$12**

Suits for Knickerbocker Boys.
Very Latest Styles in Norfolk Jacket, Double Breasted and Knickerbockers, regularly \$7 to \$9. Special for Saturday..... **\$6.75**

Men's New York Hats.
The great demand for these last week prompts us to emphasize their worth again. If there is still an unbeliever or two, get in..... **\$2**

Guaranteed Fur Felt, Marseilles Binding, Head Band of Goat. Three heights of crown, and made by the most famous maker in the world. Add to this our guarantee.

Men's Gloves, Actual Value \$2.50
The furnishings man avers he had to buy all the maker had—100 Dozen—to sell them at the advertised price to-day. Hand sewn, spear back, with five horn clasps. It is a great glove. Special for Saturday..... **\$1.35**

Smith Gray & Co.,
THREE STORES:
BROADWAY AT 31ST ST., NEW YORK.
FULTON ST. AT FLATBUSH AV., B'WAY AT BEDFORD AV., B'KLYN.

Saks & Company

Broadway, 33d to 34th Street.

Coats, Suits and Dresses for Girls
At Extraordinary Price-Concessions

There are more than four hundred garments involved. If they came to us through the regular channels instead of "across the field" we would be compelled to ask the regular prices—especially because of this: the garments, such as white coats, party dresses and those for school and general service, are in the models and fabrics for which the demand is greatest.

\$6.50 to \$10.00 Dresses for Girls at \$3.85
Girls' Party and House Dresses of cashmere, nun's veiling, albatross or serge in light colors, exquisitely trimmed with braid, sizes 4 to 10 years, together with wool dresses of serge, cheviot and fancy mixtures, for school and general service, in a variety of Russian, gimpes, suspender and yoke models and a diversified collection of colors; sizes 4 to 14 years.

\$7.50 to \$11.50 Coats at \$4.85
Girls' White Coats of serge, Bedford cord, corduroy, cheviot, cashmere and basket cloths, heavily interlined, sizes 4 to 6. Girls' School and Street Coats of heavy kersey, cheviots and mannish mixtures in sizes 6 to 16 years.

\$7.50 Raincoats for Girls at \$4.75
Full length belted models of gray mixed cravenette cloth in sizes 8 to 14 years.

\$12.50 Rain Coats for Girls at \$7.75
Three full length belted models of Oxford tan or olive cravenette cloth in sizes 6 to 16 years.

\$15.00 to \$22.50 Suits for Misses at \$10.50
Tailored Suits of plain cheviots or fancy mixtures in a variety of colors, short, half fitted, box or three-quarter length models; in sizes 14 to 18 years; 32 to 36 bust measure.

Overcoats for Girls at \$15.00
Entirely Tailormade Coats of heavy mannish fabrics lined with flannel; sizes 8 to 16 years.

SPECIAL FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

\$1.50 Bosom Shirts for Boys at 70c
They are fashioned of woven madras and percale, with figures and stripes, on light and dark grounds, open back and front coat models, with cuffs attached or detached; sizes 12 to 14 years.

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Ready-for-Service Suits and Coats for Men
DISTINCTIVE FALL AND WINTER MODELS
Fifteen to Forty Dollars

The product manifests the principle involved—not the method. The to-order man is right in principle. To insure perfect proportions a garment must be cut and tailored individually.

In the fashioning of our ready-for-service garments, we subscribe ourselves to his principle.

But instead of leaving the vital part of the work to a free-lance—to a tailor who serves this master to-day and another to-morrow—we depend upon our own organization of tailors, each of whom is a specialist in some given phase of the craft, constantly applying himself to its perfection.

That promises a unity of purpose. Whether a garment of ours cost \$15 or \$40, it must express that element of character and distinctiveness that is the manifestation of the to-order principle.

There is still another powerful factor in our favor—the cost. Your to-order tailor's method compels him to ask at least a third more than our modest prices.

Singe & Double Breasted Sack Suits, in eleven new and altogether distinctive models. **\$15.00 to \$40.00**

Chesterfield and Cutaway Erock Suits, in four new and distinctive models. **\$25.00 to \$40.00**

Fall Overcoats and Top Coats, in ten radically new models. **\$15.00 to \$38.00**

Rain Coats, in three models. **\$15.00 to \$35.00**

Each of which is presented in an exhaustive series of the more exclusive fabrics in the season's newest patterns.

Distinctive Suits and Overcoats for Young Men
At \$10.00 and \$12.50

Three factors determine the worth of a garment. Penalize one and you degrade them all. Were it not for the manner of tailoring which finds expression in our garments for young men—were it not for the character and individuality which it insures even for those at ten and twelve fifty, the high character of the fabrics and the integral parts would count for little. We preserve the unities, and borrow from the to-order tailor the exclusive innovations, so that our models may be abreast-with-the-hour. The new series of models includes:

Singe and Double Breasted Sack Suits of fine worsteds, cheviots, cassimeres and tweeds in a diversified collection of patterns, together with thibet in black. **\$10.00 and \$12.50**

Singe and Double Breasted Overcoats in the new long models of frieze and fancy coat fabrics in black, blue and mixtures. **\$10.00 and \$12.50**

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

\$2.00 Sweaters for Men at 95c
Sample garments from one of the big mills that provide our regular stock. The garments are of wool, in black, white, blue, gray or red, either plain or with fancy stripes; sizes 34 to 44, though not all sizes in all colors.

\$1.00 Sweaters for Boys at 50c.
From the same source—wool sweaters in black, white, blue, red or gray, plain colors or fancy stripes; sizes 26 to 32.

SPECIAL FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

High-Grade Suits for Boys
Regularly \$7.00 to \$9.00 At \$5.95

There are two models—Norfolk and double-breasted belted suits with full Knickerbocker trousers. The fabrics are imported tweeds, cheviots and worsteds in the new granite grays and browns in plaids and mixtures. The coats are lined with serge; sizes 7 to 17 years.

\$6.75 Reefers for Boys At \$5.00
Heavy Reefers designed for winter service of frieze in blue or Oxford, military buttons and lined throughout with red flannel; sizes 3 to 12 years. On all counts—fabrics, tailoring and finish—the garments are well worth six seventy-five.

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A Sale of Shoes for Boys and Girls
Shoes which measure up to that exacting standard of ours—they are from our regular stock.

Misses' and Children's Shoes of kidskin, lace or button.
Regularly \$2.00. Special at \$1.60.

Girls' Shoes of patent leather or kidskin in lace or button models with first heels.
Regularly \$2.50. Special at \$1.95.

Boys' and Youths' Shoes of patent coltskin and box calf in lace models with oak welted soles.
Regularly \$2.50. Special at \$2.00.